Colchester Public Schools

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PERSONNEL

PRESCRIPTION ~~PSYCHOTROPIC~~ DRUG USE

The Board of Education prohibits school personnel from recommending the use of prescription ~~psychotropic~~ drugs for any student. For the purposes of this policy, the term 'recommend' shall mean to directly or indirectly suggest that a student should use prescription ~~psychotropic~~ drugs.

~~Psychotropic~~ Prescription drugs are defined as doctor-prescribed ~~prescription~~ medications for behavioral or social-emotional concerns, such as attention deficits, impulsivity, anxiety, depression, and thought disorders, and include but are not limited to stimulant medications and antidepressants.

School nurses, school psychologists, and/or the district's Medical Advisor may recommend to a parent/guardian that their student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner.

The District shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement and delivery of services to students with disabilities or suspected disabilities provided in state and federal statutes that govern special education.

Nothing is this policy shall be construed to prohibit a Planning and Placement Team from discussing with parents and/or guardians of a student the appropriateness of consultation with, or evaluation by, medical practitioners, or to prohibit school personnel from consulting with appropriate medical practitioners with the consent of the parents and/or guardians of a student.

The Superintendent of Schools shall promulgate this policy to district staff and parents/guardians of students annually and upon the registration of new students.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-212b	Policies prohibiting the recommendation of psychotropic drugs by school personnel (as amended by PA 03-211)
46b-120	Definitions
10-76a	Definitions (as amended by PA 00-48)

10-76b	State supervision of special education programs and services
10-76d	Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services (as amended by PA 97-114 and PA 00-48)
10-76h	Special education hearing and review procedure. Mediation of disputes (as amended by PA 00-48)

34 C.F.R. 3000 Assistance to States for Education for Handicapped Children

State Board of Education Regulations

American with Disabilities Education Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794

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